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## **Sen. Clarke's Amendment Permits Additional \$3.5 Million for School Security**

LANSING—The State Senate today passed Sen. Hansen Clarke's (D-Detroit) amendment to the K-12 education budget which will allow additional funds to be used by the Detroit public schools for security purposes.

"Many children in Detroit are at risk, not only in the area of educational achievement, but because of physical safety concerns, as well," said Clarke.

Many schools, including Detroit, currently receive funding specifically ear-marked for programs for at-risk students. This amendment allows an additional 5% of that money to be used for school security. Currently, only 10% of Detroit's at-risk funding is eligible to be used for physical security. This amendment raises the percentage of at-risk funds available for physical protection to 15% and will allow Detroit schools to spend up to an additional \$3.5 million for school security.

Clarke said, "In light of recent incidents in Detroit public schools, I felt it was important to find a way to help protect the safety of both our children and our educators."

Students in Detroit public schools were recently found carrying loaded guns.

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